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November 21, 1991

Ms. Eileen F. Sollars
Ash Grove Cement Company
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Dear Ms. Sollars:

Re: Company Merger, Ash Grove Cement West, Inc., Leamington Quarry, M/023/004, Navajo Sandstone, M/023/010, and Nielson Quarry M/023/012, Juab County, Utah

Recently this Division received your letter stating that effective January 1, 1992, Ash Grove Cement West, Inc. (Ash Grove West) will be merged into Ash Grove Cement Company (Ash Grove). Following an inhouse legal review, it has been determined that the three referenced mines will need to be formally transferred from Ash Grove West to Ash Grove.

Three copies of our permit transfer forms are enclosed. The forms will need to be filled out and signed by both parties involved in the transfer. New reclamation contracts and new sureties will also need to be posted by Ash Grove for each mine. Appropriate forms for this process are enclosed. We have assumed that you will again post corporate surety bonds as the form of replacement surety for these operations. Please contact us immediately if another form of surety is preferred and we will provide you with the appropriate forms.

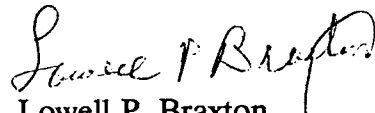
It may be possible to have the existing sureties revised through a "rider" to transfer the name and ownership to Ash Grove. Your surety company can advise you in this matter. Please be advised that if replacement sureties are pursued, each will likely need to be made out *jointly* in the name of this Division, the U.S. Forest Service and/or the Bureau of Land Management, as appropriate.

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Upon Board acceptance and approval of the new reclamation contracts and replacement sureties, the Division will be able to formally recognize Ash Grove as the new operator and approve of the permit transfers. At that time, the old sureties will be released to Ash Grove Cement West, Inc.

If we can be of assistance to you in this transfer process, please contact me or Wayne Hedberg of my staff. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

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Enclosures

cc: Terry Kerby, Ash Grove Cement West, Inc.
Rex Rowley, BLM, House Range RA
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